

NEW SMASH BEGUN

SECOND PHASE OF THE GREAT ANGLI-FRENCH OFFENSIVE IS STARTED.

FOES ARE IN DEATH GRIP

Giant British and French Guns Pour Shells into German Works, Destroying Barbed Wire Entanglements and Wrecking Trenches—Other Fronts.

London, July 22.—The second phase of the great Anglo-French offensive is developing.

At every point in the Somme region the giant British and French guns are pouring shells into the German works, destroying barbed wire entanglements and wrecking trenches.

French forces have captured the entire first German position, extending from Brette to the height of Vermandovillers. They also have taken on both sides of the river about 2,000 prisoners in Thursday's engagements.

This action indicates the French are widening their offensive to the south of the Somme.

The British on their front advanced on a front of about a thousand yards north of the Bapaume-Langueval line, while heavy fighting continues in the northern outskirts of Longueval village and at Delville farm.

This latter battle is described from German sources as "most sanguinary." It is admitted in Berlin that the British are holding a portion of the village and farm.

Near Arras the British are attacking on a two-mile front under successful results. The biggest trench raid of any war. They damaged the Germans heavily before retiring to their own positions.

In the Verdun sector Paris says the French are progressing west of the Thimont sector. During the morning, in the Fleury sector, 300 Germans were made prisoner.

A dispatch from Rome says it is reported from Petrograd that a great battle is developing at Jablonitz, the results of which thus far have been favorable to the Russians. Jablonitz is in the Carpathian south of Kolomo, near the northern end of one of the mountain passes leading to Hungary.

The Russian offensive also has been resumed before Kovel and Vladimir-Volynsk and in the Bzura area, the dispatch says.

The Austrians repulsed three Italian attacks near Borcola pass with aviances of stones. Artillery actions occurred on other fronts.

French and British airplanes made successful raids on German positions, but lost several machines.

ONE-CENT LETTER POSTAGE

Postmaster General Burleson Talks to National Association of Postmasters at Washington.

Washington, July 21.—Postmaster General Burleson told the convention of the National Association of Postmasters that if revenues from second-class mail should be increased, "extraneous" for postal purposes "service" is the rural mail system curtailed and payments to railroads for mail transportation under the new space basis reduced. He recommended to Congress next year that letter postage be reduced to one cent.

VILLISTA MEN RUSH TRAIN

Hungry Mexican Bandits Seized Off by Carranzista Guards—Eight Are Captured.

Chihuahua, Mexico, July 21.—A band of Villistas attacked a train on the Mexican Northwestern near Santa Isabel, about 50 miles west of here Wednesday, according to a report to Gen. Jacinto Trevino. The bandits were beaten off and eight of them, who were captured, were brought here for court-martial.

LARGE ARMY IS ON BORDER

Ninety-Eight Thousand United States Soldiers Have Been Massed, Is Official Report.

San Antonio, Tex., July 20.—Ninety-eight thousand state troops are on the border or on trains bound for there. These official figures were issued Tuesday. These militia forces come from 28 states, according to General Funston, only ten of the states not being thus far represented.

Three Killed in Auto Crash

Kewanee, Ill., July 21.—Miss Lizzie Lyndon, Miss Tris Eshelman and Arthur Larson are dead as a result of an accident when their automobile turned turtle four miles east of here, Frank Van Hecker, the fourth occupant of the car, is in a hospital with his legs broken.

Flood Death Toll Now 49

Bainbridge, N. C., July 21.—Additional bodies found during the last 24 hours in widely separated districts of North Carolina bring the total of deaths resulting from the recent floods up to 49. A score or more are missing.

Danger of Plague Passed

Washington, July 22.—The United States public health service announced that danger of a further spread of influenza panics has passed. Health officials said the situation is now entirely under control.

Spanish Strike Settled

Madrid, July 21.—The national railway strike, which began last week, was proclaimed throughout the kingdom has been settled by arbitration and the men are at work.

Two Steamships Sunk

London, July 21.—Lloyd's announced that the Greek steamer Evangelistria, 2,212 tons, and the Italian steamer Angelo, 3,000 tons, had been sunk. It is supposed they were destroyed by submarines.

Chauffeur Is Found Slain

Ottawa, Ill., July 20.—The body of Joseph Doris, a twenty-year-old chauffeur, was found in a lonely roadway near Ladd, Bureau county, where there were several bullet holes in the head and the body was badly slashed.

Fashionable Doctor Is Shot

Bozeman, July 20.—Dr. Wilfred E. Harris, an osteopath with a fashionable clientele, was shot three times while in his office. The assailant—was—escaped. His injuries may be fatal.

LET GEORGE DO IT



CALL U-BOAT PERIL MAD NEGRO SLAYS FIVE

ALLIES PROTEST AGAIN ON WASHINGTON'S RULING.

Claim Decision Holding Submarine as Merchantman Places United States in a Grave Position.

Washington, July 21.—In accordance with instructions from their governments, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, and M. Jusserand, the French ambassador, sent forth to the state department the reasons why the United States should not regard vessels of the Deutschland type as merchantmen.

The reasons are as follows: "That submarine merchantmen cannot be overhauled and visited and searched, as is possible in the case of surface craft, because of their ability to dive and escape.

"That such ships, because of their submersibility are able to evade municipal law with special reference to customs, quarantine, etc.

"That such ships can be transformed with ease from merchantmen into warships.

"That in case of war between a great maritime state and a smaller nation the latter would have the right to purchase submarine merchantmen, and when the ships arrived at the port of the purchaser they could be provided with guns and torpedoes and sent forth to attack the enemy ships.

"That a refusal on the part of a state to sell submarine merchantmen could be regarded as an unneutral act."

The allies are especially anxious for the United States to change its ruling in the case of the Deutschland because of their expectation that the central powers will launch a large number of these craft and utilize them for the purpose of obtaining supplies of raw materials which they need in order to continue the war. They point out, moreover, that it is of prime import for the United States not to set a precedent which may cause it serious concern in the future.

AGREES TO NAVAL PROGRAM

Senate, Without a Roll Call, Gives Approval to Building of Many Powerful Warships.

Washington, July 20.—Three-year naval building program of 18 capital ships was agreed to by the senate on Tuesday afternoon without roll call.

In addition to the 16 capital ships, the building program provides for ten scout cruisers, 50 torpedo boat destroyers, nine fleet submarines, 58 coast submarines, one fleet system submarine, two gunboats, and many auxiliary craft.

BELGIANS DEFEAT GERMANS

Reach Shore of Lake Victoria Nyanza in Africa After Seven-Hour Battle.

Havre, July 20.—Belgian troops operating in German East Africa have reached the shore of Lake Victoria Nyanza and in a seven-hour engagement fought July 7 they dispersed the Germans opposing their advance, taking the German commandant prisoner and inflicting a number of losses on the Germans, according to an official statement issued by the Belgian war office.

To Ask Big Vote of Credit

London, July 21.—The vote of credit for which Premier Asquith will ask will be moved in the house of commons on Monday, it has been officially announced. It will be for \$1,500,000,000.

Camp Reported Unsatisfactory

Laredo, Tex., July 22.—Lieutenant Colonel Munson of the medical corps of the United States army, arrived here to investigate complaints of the citizens that the camp of the Missouri and Maine troops are unsatisfactory.

Case of Smallpox in Camp

Fort Thomas, Ky., July 20.—Smallpox has broken out in the mobilization camp of the Kentucky brigade. A Breckinridge soldier is the victim. General vaccination has been ordered.

Big Plant Forced to Close

Durham, N. C., July 20.—The Golden Belt Manufacturing company, one of the largest manufacturers of tobacco bags in the world, has closed its plant because the world had cut off its power.

German Freighter Sunk

London, July 19.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen states that the German freighter Zeyre, carrying ore, was torpedoed and sunk by a Russian submarine. The crew was saved.

Shows World Record

Washington, July 19.—Figures compiled by the department of commerce show that on July 1 there were building in American ship yards steel merchantmen totaling 1,240,000 tons, declared to be a world record.

RAISES BIG STORM

BRITISH BOYCOTT CAUSES FLOOD OF PROTEST TO FOUR INTO WASHINGTON.

U. S. IS PLANNING ACTION

Publication of London Blacklist Believed to Be Opening Gun in a Relentless Trade War to Be Waged by Great Britain.

Washington, July 22.—A flood of protest from all parts of the United States against the British boycott is pouring in upon the White House and the state department. The action of Great Britain in making public a general list of American firms who have been boycotted because they "trade with England's enemies" has aroused public sentiment, and demands for retaliatory legislation are reaching here from various commercial organizations and individuals affected.

The state department is planning action. It must wait, officials say, a "reasonable time" for official notification of Great Britain's action. If that is not forthcoming, a direct inquiry will be made at London. Meanwhile, Acting Secretary of State Polk is looking into the international law bearing on the subject. It is expected that after all or parts of the action will be taken the matter up with President Wilson before framing the planned protest.

Officials very frankly say that the making public of this boycott list is, in their opinion, the opening gun in a war which will prove a relentless trade war against all neutrals who have refused to accept without protest the restrictions placed upon commerce by the entire allies. They point to the fact that the present boycott list was prepared by the British board of trade and that it has been operative for more than a year, although only just now made public, as indicating that the measure is one planned by British exporters and manufacturers to regain their trade lost by the war.

The making public of the list now, officials believe, was in anticipation that at the end of the present great drive on the eastern and western front peace negotiations will assume a definite form.

While officials are discussing retaliatory measures no plans yet have been framed for such action. It is admitted that the task is a knotty one, and the federal trade commission and the department of commerce will be expected to act.

MEXICO SUBMITS PROPOSAL

First Chief Carranza Proposes That Each Government Appoint Commission to Arrange Settlement.

Mexico City, July 22.—First Chief Carranza submits to the government of the United States in a formal note to Secretary Lansing the proposal that the de facto government and the United States government each appoint a commission of three members to meet and arrange a basis for the settlement of the differences between the two countries.

The note, which is signed by Secretary Aguilar, urges that the joint commission first take up the matter of fixing definitely the time for the withdrawal of the American forces from Mexico.

It also suggests that the commission agree upon the terms of a protocol which shall govern the reciprocal crossing of troops from the territory of one country to that of the other.

TRAIN KILLS TWO IN AUTO

Northwestern Inter Strides Machine at Grade Intersection and Boys Lose Their Lives.

Woodstock, Ill., July 22.—A new automobile had a tragic christening here when it was struck by the Chicago & Northwestern's Duluth flyer on a dangerous grade crossing in the heart of the town.

Two boys, Ralph Hotch and George Anthony, who were riding in the machine, died within a few minutes after they had been pulled from the wreckage.

FEAR 200 FISHERMEN LOST

Large Fishing Fleet Reported Caught in Monsoon—More Than 100 Boats Fail to Return.

London, July 22.—Two hundred fishermen are believed to have lost their lives in a monsoon off the coast of Colombo, Ceylon, according to a dispatch received by the Exchange Telegraph company. A large fishing fleet was caught by the storm and more than 100 boats have failed to return.

Biggest Warship Joins Fleet

Norfolk, Va., July 22.—The Pennsylvania, America's newest and most powerful warship, has left to join the Atlantic fleet. She will become the flagship of the fleet and will get the first trial of her gigantic guns.

Street Car Dynamited

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., July 21.—A street car was blown up with dynamite here, making the second attack within two days to kill strike-breaking crews. The motorman and conductor had a narrow escape from death.

Russian Transports Sunk

Constantinople, via Berlin wireless, July 21.—Three Russian transports have been sunk in the eastern part of the Black sea by submarines, and a fourth was forced to run ashore. Turkish ministry of marine announced.

Floods Much Worse

Mexico City, July 21.—Floods which have already drowned 200 persons in the district about Queretaro are becoming worse hourly, according to official dispatches. Thousands of families are homeless.

Sheriff Asks for Troops

Springfield, Ill., July 20.—Sheriff McGinnis of Hamilton county sent a telegram to Gov. Edward F. Dunne asking that state troops be sent to Rockford to stop violence among striking ice miners.

Pacific Coast Not Favored

Washington, July 20.—By a vote of 48 to 18 the senate rejected an amendment to the navy bill proposed by Senator Works providing that three of the ten new dreadnoughts be assigned permanently to the Pacific coast.

OHIO GUARDSMEN WILL SOON ENTRAIN

FOR CAMP NEAR EL PASO, TEXAS, IS LATEST REPORT RECEIVED AT HEADQUARTERS.

IT IS UP TO MAJ. MEARNS

He Will Give Orders When Soldiers Are Fully Equipped—Sleepers to Be Supplied.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Columbus.—According to indications Maj. Robert Mearns, the federal mustering officer, will say when Ohio troops shall entrain and start for the border. Maj. Mearns had telegraphic instructions from the central department to start the Ohio troops when equipped, and, though it was not specially stated in this message that he was to use his judgment as to when the troops are equipped completely, it is indicated such instructions will follow. The long delay is growing more and more tedious now that the mustering is complete and physical examinations finished. The expectation of the men is showing itself in an increasing number of desertions or informal leave takings. How these cases will be treated is yet to be determined. The Sixth Regiment is said to have lost 14 men, and other regiments also have lost men. Two of the engineers who escaped were recaptured and have been started back to camp.

It was learned from a confidential but authentic source that the troops would go to a camp near El Paso. Col. William H. Duffy, of the Quartermaster's Department, declared that it would be "two or three days" before any troops are ready to leave. Lieut. Col. C. C. Weybrecht, however, declared his regiment, the Eighth, is to be ready for movement as soon as the equipment, which is now being reported cancellation of an order for tourist sleeping cars for the Ohio troops, Col. Duffy said: "Knowing no other way to get out of here for several days, of course I cancelled the order. I didn't want to hamper the railroad by tying up such an amount of their equipment uselessly." Guard officers, however, declared the supplying of tourist sleeping coaches for the transfer of the militiamen to the border was assured.

The equipment, which is now holding up the movement of the troops, is understood to include shoes, coats and changes of underwear and socks for each man. Though a shipment of shoes is about to arrive at camp, officers declared this supply would not be sufficient to meet all demands. It was mainly the absence of this equipment which occasioned the "halting" order from Chicago which ended entraining arrangements. After completing his inspection, Col. George K. Hunter, inspector general of the Central Department, finally praised the camp after he had made statements criticizing certain phases of it. The guard officers were not surprised at some criticism, although they thought some of the remarks attributed to him were severe, even for one whose duty it is to find fault. In speaking of the sanitary situation officers called attention to the fact that 56 men reported for sick leave, 29 being in the hospital. This is but one-half of one per cent, and the state sanitary officers say it is a better showing than can be made by any other state camp in the United States.

OHIO POSTMASTERS AT MEET

Are Given Important Committee Posts at National Session.

Columbus, O.—More than 100 Ohio postmasters went to Washington to attend the annual meeting of presidential postmasters. Postmaster S. A. Kinner, of Columbus, has been chairman of the auditing committee. Postmaster F. L. May, of Dayton, president of the Ohio State Association, is appointed chairman of the committee on "last day" of the Central Department. J. C. Cline, postmaster of Cincinnati, is a member of the committee on credentials; W. J. Murphy, postmaster of Cleveland, chairman of the committee on nomination of officers.

\$10,405 WAR RELIEF FUND.

Springfield Will Care for Families of Its Soldiers.

Springfield, O.—Families of members of B company, Third regiment, and B company, Ninth battalion, will be cared for, according to announcement made by the War Relief Fund committee here. A total of \$10,405.18 has been subscribed by Springfield citizens and business institutions to use for the families of soldiers.

CAMP WILLIS IS INSPECTED.

Columbus, O.—After spending a day inspecting Camp Willis, Colonel Geo. K. Hunter, inspector general for the Central Department, United States army, returned to the camp. He made a rigorous inspection, even interviewing the camp cooks and asking them as to their duties with respect to the sanitation of the camp, and the ration for the men. The inspection was completed and a statement is expected giving the inspector's opinion. It is stated that the camp is too close to the city.

WAR VETERANS FORM BODY.

Troy, O.—At the Miami county fair last night a meeting was held at which the veterans of the county should form an organization and Enoch Pemberton was appointed to look after the matter, and through his efforts a committee, representing all cities and villages in Miami county, met and formed the Miami County Soldiers and Sailors' Roundtable Association. N. B. Teeter was elected president of the newly formed organization.

New Use for a Cook Book.

There is a story of a man, desperately ill, who, having passed the crisis of his illness, needed only, so the doctors asserted, an incentive to recover. He had had dire misfortunes and had lost all interest in living. Neither his business, nor his motor car, nor his children, nor his wife sufficed to lure him back to the trials of temporal existence. Then some loquacious relative of the cook book. She put it into the hands of the sick man as he lay withering on his pillow. He turned it over languidly; then he fluttered the pages with transparent fingers; presently he asked to be propped up in bed. Before long he was whispering fervently of what he was going to have to eat when he got well—those pig hocks with dumplings; hot waffles and sirup; schnitzbohen with sour sauce. What were rissoles, and ramekins, and banquets? And why had he never known about toad-in-the-hole? These were the sentiments that wooed him back to life.—Atlantic Monthly.

CANADA SAID TO BE AFTER OHIO RECRUITS.

A report that the mobilization camp was that emissaries of the Canadian government are attempting to induce soldiers returning to the federal physical examinations to join the Canadian army. Several rejected men said that a man had offered them railroad tickets to take them to a place "where you will be accepted in the army." One man who had been in the Ohio National Guard for several years said he was promised a commission in six months if he would enlist.

PATTERSON SCOOPS EDITORS

Ohio Association is Entertained at Country Home of N. C. R. Head.

Dayton, O.—Members of the Ohio City Editors Association were favorably impressed with the "scoop" John H. Patterson put over them at Far Hills, his country estate, when he entertained them at dinner. Patterson said he was proud to entertain the men who preside over the destinies of an important branch of the newspaper business. George F. Burba acted as toastmaster. Former Governor James M. Cox related some of his experiences "on the street" and in the office. Clyde P. Steen, of Lima, president of the association, spoke for the state organization and other newspaper men. The visitors, who have made the Hotel Miami their headquarters, were taken on a sight-seeing tour. Luncheon was served at the Hills and Dales club house. Two women editors, Miss Helen W. John, City Editor of the Zanesville Signal, and Miss Mary A. Young, city editor of the Sidney Daily News, are present. They have the distinction of being the only women in Ohio who "hold down" city desks.

OHIOAN TO SUCCEED HUGHES

Cleveland Jurist is Nominated for Supreme Court Justice.

Cleveland, O.—John H. Clarke, United States judge for the Northern District of Ohio, has been nominated by President Wilson as justice of the Supreme Court of the United States to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Charles E. Hughes. Judge Clarke was chiefly endorsed by Secretary of War Baker and Senator Pomerene.

Judge Clarke was named for the federal bench two years ago. The senate then declined his nomination. Senator Pomerene believes that this recent inquiry into Judge Clarke's history will obviate an extended inquiry at this time and that a report can be obtained from the committee within a short time.

John H. Clarke was born at Lisbon, O., September 8, 1857; was graduated at Western Reserve University in 1878, and was admitted to the Ohio bar in 1878. Up to the time of his appointment as district judge, in 1914, he practiced law in all courts of Ohio, having a large and varied practice.

INCREASE IS GIVEN APPROVAL

Columbus, O.—At a special stockholders' meeting of the Ohio Fuel Supply Co. 80 per cent of the stock was represented by proxies. It was voted unanimously to increase the capital stock from \$150,000 to \$200,000.00. The purpose of the increase is to take care of the falling due and to buy additional properties. The increase was the only matter considered at the session.

BUCKEYE NEWS NOTES

Marion, O.—John J. Crawley, 70, former president of the Marion school board, died here, of paralysis. When a young man, he was sent to the University of Illinois, by former Speaker "Uncle Joe" Cannon.

Cincinnati, O.—Application for a permit to erect a new medical college building on the new City Hospital site was made by the Medical College Building Commission, the estimated cost of which is \$250,000.

Marysville, O.—The board of education of Jerome township special school district awarded the sale of \$3,500.50 per cent refunding bonds to Grant Herold of New Carlisle at his bid of par and accrued interest.

Marysville, O.—A new bank will be established at Magnetic Springs, this county, about September 1, with a capital stock of \$25,000, all of which has been subscribed. Charles S. David of Columbus will be the cashier.

Columbus, O.—Management of the Guarantee and Trust Co. of Cleveland, required by the law to be examined by the auditor of state, is recommended in a report filed. It is signed by Examiners John A. Bliss and A. B. Dawson. The company has \$566,000 capital and \$137,593 surplus.

Marion, O.—Superintendent R. B. Woodruff, of the Erie railroad, announced that the Erie freight transfer service here, employing over 100 men, probably will be moved back to Galion because of the big shortage of labor in Marion.

Youngstown, O.—Barnard Daugherty, 55, South Philadelphia, en route through the jail corridor, after serving a short term for drunkenness, drank the contents of a bucket containing a disinfectant, thinking it was water. His condition is serious.

Delaware, O.—Arthur Patrick, of Sunbury, and Homer Fisher, of Condit, were chosen as the two corn boys who will represent Delaware county at the State Fair this fall at a meeting of the young men enrolled in the contest held.

Lima, O.—Two pronounced cases of infantile paralysis have just developed here, one youngster being totally unable to move his left side. Ten small children employed to sort dirty rags by a junk dealer were taken from the job by the health officers.

His pillow. He turned it over languidly; then he fluttered the pages with transparent fingers; presently he asked to be propped up in bed. Before long he was whispering fervently of what he was going to have to eat when he got well—those pig hocks with dumplings; hot waffles and sirup; schnitzbohen with sour sauce. What were rissoles, and ramekins, and banquets? And why had he never known about toad-in-the-hole? These were the sentiments that wooed him back to life.—Atlantic Monthly.

Would Hold Up Salaries. State Auditor Donahy, in his annual report to Gov. Willis suggests that the salary of any officer be withheld until he has complied with all the provisions of the appropriate law relative to his office, that state employees absent from their duties on private business or pleasure have their salaries proportionately cut, and that the law be changed so that a state employee's salary may be attacked for debt, the same as that of a person in private employment.

Fur-Trimmed Dresses in Paris. In Paris lingerie dresses are being trimmed with borders of fur; silver rabbit and white astrakhan are the favorites, and deep collars extending from twelve to fifteen inches down the back are being worn with white lace and chiffon dresses. Pastel-shaded broadcloth circular caps banded with fur are worn over one-piece dresses and the ermine mantellets which appeared in the late winter are worn a very great deal in Paris and New York.

Appeals to Supreme Court. Preparation for a long contest against the new coal rates, recently established by the State Public Utilities Commission for the Hocking Valley & Toledo and Ohio Central Railway Co. is seen in the steps that have been taken by the Hocking Through its counsel it has applied to the Supreme Court of Ohio for permission to file a petition in error to review directly the finding of the commission reducing the rates and for a stay of the execution of the commission's order. There are set forth in detail 17 reasons for the application to have the commission's findings declared void. To begin with, then, the railroad contends that the Ohio law giving the commission power to prescribe rates is held to be contrary to the federal amendment to the Federal Constitution. "In that the laws of Ohio do not furnish adequate judicial review of the orders of the commission." It is also claimed that the laws violate the Ohio Constitution.

Must Again Adjust Rates. Private and mutual liability insurance companies throughout the United States writing workmen's compensation insurance are to be compelled to make general premium rate increases soon to meet the abnormal losses resulting from the present period of abnormal industrial prosperity, with its resulting increases in accidents, according to a provision of E. E. Watson, attorney of the state industrial commission, in a communication to the commission. Watson says, however, that the state insurance fund has come through the "violent period of industrial activity" during the last year in splendid condition. "This means that we are not confronted with the necessity of increasing our rates in order to produce greater premium income. Our problem is substantially one to make an normal rate of rates, increasing some, reducing others."

Fares in "Pork Barrel" Bill. Ohio is handsomely provided for in the omnibus public buildings pork barrel bill which has just been reported to the house. Altogether, the state of Ohio receives 12 appropriations, which foot up a total of \$817,500, as follows: Columbus, \$240,000; Easton, \$10,000; for building, \$40,000; Napoleon, \$35,000; Circleville, for building, \$65,000; Eaton, for building, \$35,000; Mt. Vernon, for building, \$70,000; Norwalk, for building, \$65,000; Painesville, for building, \$70,000; Port Clinton, for building, \$40,000; East Palestine, for site, \$7,500; Gallon, for site, \$15,000; Steubenville, for enlargement of building to provide accommodations for federal court, \$125,000. It is provided in the bill that not to exceed \$100,000 of the amount appropriated for Steubenville shall be used in acquiring additional land for the enlargement of the present site.

Fix Rate Before Mergers. Before authorizing the purchase of five independent telephone companies in Southeastern Ohio by the Bell Telephone Company the State Public Utilities Commission will fix a service rate which the purchase company will be permitted to charge. The commission has fixed the valuation of the five companies at \$1,279,712. The companies have a total of 709,000 telephones. The companies involved are the Washington Hotel and Steamship Building, Jefferson, Belmont, Union and Woodfield Companies.

Auto License Receipts. Receipts of the State Department of Automobile Registration during the fiscal year ended June 30 aggregated \$1,200,237, according to announcement of W. H. Walker, state registrar. It required less than \$100,000 to operate his department, he says, so that more than \$1,100,000 will be turned over to the State Highway Department for the construction of roads. Registration of gasoline machines yielded \$1,099,567, electric \$141, and motorcycles \$41,155.

Is Up to Commission. Provision for purchase of a building to house state officers will likely be made by the commission to provide a new office building at its next meeting. The commission has been unable to reach an agreement. It inspected the Southern Hotel and Steubenville buildings. Governor Willis met with the board and inspected the two buildings. Attorney General Turner told the commission it has the authority to either purchase or erect a building.

Review Is Denied. In chambers the supreme court denied the application of F. C. Winders for a motion to revise the decision of the Franklin county courts. Winders lost a damage suit to Chester R. Marshall, being compelled to pay him \$1,000. The injury arose when Winders violated the traffic ordinances and passed through a red light on the east side with his automobile. This has been held to be negligence of itself.

Valuation to Stand. In announcing his determination not to reduce the valuation of the property of the Cincinnati and Suburban Bell Telephone Company from \$12,158,540, the State Tax Commission took issue with the claim of the company officials that it had denied them knowledge as to the manner in which the valuation was reached. The commission says it will "stand pat," and